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Speaker Bense Appoints Member to Housing Workgroup

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Speaker of the Florida House Allan Bense today named Rep. Nancy Detert as his appointment to Governor Bush's Hurricane Housing Work Group.

"I'm pleased to appoint Rep. Detert to be a member of such an important group," said Speaker Bense. "Being from southwest Florida, she understands the dramatic impact hurricanes have had on our state. Her previous experience, specifically in the area of housing and in the mortgage industry, will help her provide the group with unique insight."

Rep. Detert's service to the Florida House of Representatives has included appointments to the General Appropriations Committee, the Commerce & Local Affairs Appropriations Committee and the Select Committee on Affordable Housing. In addition to an extensive list of public service and community service accomplishments, Rep. Detert has more than 20 years of experience as the founder and owner of Osprey Mortgage Company.

"I appreciate the confidence Speaker Bense is placing in me, and I'm looking forward to working with Lt. Governor Jennings and the other members of the workgroup to ensure that we make wise choices in addressing the myriad of housing issues facing so many Floridians," said Rep. Detert. "We have a variety of partners, from the public and private sectors, ready to work together. Together, I'm confident we can find innovative ways to minimize the ongoing problems caused by this summer's hurricanes."

Governor Bush created the Hurricane Housing Work Group on November 10, 2004 under Executive Order No. 04-240. The group's first meeting is scheduled on November 22, 2004. A final report is to be submitted no later than February 18, 2005. More information on the Work Group and available housing for hurricane victims can be found at www.myflorida.com or www.DHRonline.com

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